

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF VERIZON DELAWARE LLC FOR THE)
COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT)
10 47 U.S.C. § 546 REGARDING THE)
RENEWAL OF THE CABLE TELEVISION)
FRANCHISE TO SERVE CERTAIN)
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF NEW CASTLE,)
KENT, AND SUSSEX COUNTIES, DELAWARE)
(FILED APRIL 29, 2019))

PSC DOCKET NO. 19-0314

**MOTION OF VERIZON DELAWARE LLC
TO REVISE SCHEDULE**

Verizon Delaware LLC (“Verizon”) hereby moves that the Delaware Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) revise the schedule established in Order No. 9402 (the “Order”) for the filing of Petitions for Intervention and the date for the publication of notice. The basis for this Motion is as follows:

1) On April 29, 2019, Verizon filed a letter with the Commission (the “Application”) pursuant to Section 626 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, giving notice that it was seeking renewal of the cable television franchise granted by the Commission in November 2006, for the unincorporated areas of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties (the “Franchise Territory”) that was to expire by its terms on November 21, 2021.

2) The Commission promptly acted on the Application by issuing Order No. 9402 on June 18, 2019, which directed the following:

a) designated Mark Lawrence as Hearing Examiner to conduct three public hearings in the Franchise Territory for the purpose of identifying the further cable-related needs and interests for the communities;

b) set October 25, 2019, as the date for interested persons or entities to file written comments or objections to the Application;

c) established August 8, 2019, as the date for the filing of Petitions for Intervention; and

d) directed Verizon to provide public notice by July 18, 2019, in two publications of general circulation in a form contained in Exhibit A of the Order which provided notice of the Application, the Commission's Order, and the deadlines for intervention petitions and written comments.

3) Regrettably, due to mistake or inadvertence, Verizon missed the July 18, 2019 date for publishing the public notice as specified by the Commission. However, because this proceeding is at a very early stage, the failure by Verizon can be remedied without affecting the interests of the Commission or any persons wishing to participate in the docket and without delaying the orderly and timely processing of the proceeding..

4) The public notice the Commission ordered in the docket serves to alert potentially interested persons of the Application and gives them the dates by which they must take action to participate in the docket either by filing written comments or objections or by petitioning to intervene.

5) Written comments or objections on the renewal are not required to be filed under the Order until October 25, 2019. Favorable Commission action on this Motion in the next few weeks and the prompt publication of notice by Verizon would, therefore, still give interested persons or entities ample time to file comments or an objection by October 25, 2019.

6) The date in the Commission's Order affected by Verizon's failure to publish notice is the August 8, 2019 date when Petitions to Intervene are due. In its Order, the Commission directed that Verizon publish notice by July 18, 2019, thereby giving interested persons 21 days from the publication date to the deadline for filing Petitions to Intervene. Having missed the July 18, 2019, publication date Verizon cannot publish the notice at this point and still give interested

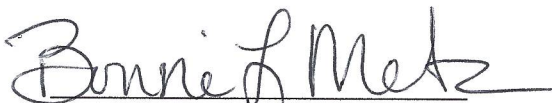
parties the 21-day review period set forth in the Order. However, because the docket is in its very early stage, setting a new date for public notice within the next few weeks and making a corresponding change in the deadline for Petitions to Intervene will have no impact on the orderly and timely processing of the Application or the rights of interested persons seeking to intervene.

7) Verizon regrets its failure to meet the date for publication of the notice set forth in the Order. As the Commission knows, Verizon takes its responsibility to comply with Commission orders seriously, and this instance was purely an oversight.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion to Revise Schedule by setting new dates for Petitions to Intervene and the publication of notice. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a proposed order for the Commission's consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dated: July 29, 2019

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on July 29, 2019, I caused a copy of the attached Motion of Verizon Delaware LLC to Revise Schedule to be filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission using DelaFile and to be serviced on the following persons by electronic mail:

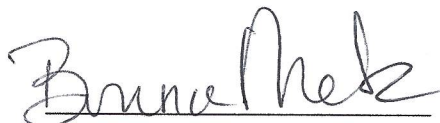
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PSC DOCKET NO. 19-

ORDER NO. _____

AND NOW, this ____ day of _____, 2019, the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") determines and orders as follows:

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2019, Verizon Delaware LLC ("Verizon") filed a letter with the Commission (the "Application") pursuant to Section 626 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, giving notice that it was seeking renewal of the cable television franchise granted by the Commission in November 2006, for the unincorporated areas of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties (the "Franchise Territory") that was to expire by its terms on November 21, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Order No. 9402 (the "Order") on June 18, 2019, which directed the following:

- a) designated Mark Lawrence as Hearing Examiner to conduct three public hearings in the Franchise Territory for the purpose of identifying the further cable-related needs and interests for the communities;
- b) set October 25, 2019, as the date for interested persons or entities to file written comments or objections to the Application;

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- c) established August 8, 2019, as the date for the filing of Petitions for Intervention; and
- d) directed Verizon to provide public notice by July 18, 2019, in two publications of general circulation in a form contained in Exhibit A of the Order which provided notice of the Application, the Commission's Order, and the deadlines for intervention petitions and written comments.

WHEREAS, Verizon filed a Motion to Revise Schedule on _____, 2019, which sought a change in the date for potentially interested persons or entities to file Petition for Intervention and a new date for publication of notice as set forth in the Order because of mistake or inadvertence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission determines that the docket is in its very early stage and a revision of the schedule as proposed by Verizon will have no impact on the orderly and timely processing of the matter and will not affect the rights of any person or entity seeking to participate in the proceeding.
2. The Commission's Order No. 9402 shall remain in effect and all terms shall remain the same except as follows:
 - a) The deadline for interested persons or entities to file Petitions for Intervention shall be _____, 2019.
 - b) Verizon shall publish notice no later than _____, 2019.
 - c) The form of the notice and the publications in which the notice shall be placed shall be the same as set forth in Order 9402 and in Exhibit A of the Order, except for the insertion of the new deadline for the filing of Petitions for Intervention on _____, 2019, as set herein.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

EXHIBIT A

Chairman

Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Secretary

VERIFICATION

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I, BONNIE L. METZ hereby attest that the information contained in the attached letter, report, filing or application as provided to the Delaware Public Service Commission is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Attested on this date: July 29, 2019

Bonnie Metz
Signature

Bonnie Metz
Name

Secretary
Title

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th date of July, 2019

Rita M. Carnevale

RIITA M. CARNEVALE
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF DELAWARE
My Commission Expires December 12, 2020

